

**UPPER POTTS GROVE TOWNSHIP
SEWER & WATER COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 26, 2007**

Committee Members in attendance were Chairman John Bealer, Robert Sloss, Edward O'Brien and Chris Hannum. William Loux and David Crock were absent. Also in attendance were Elwood Taylor, President, Board of Commissioners, Peter Hnat, Steve Gallo, Greg Shantz, Township Solicitor and Jack Layne, Township Manager.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Bealer called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M.

II. Approval of Minutes [February 26, 2007]

Vice Chairman Sloss moved that the February 26, 2007 meeting minutes be approved as submitted. Chairman Bealer seconded this motion. The motion was approved.

III. Reports

A. Flow Report

Mr. Hannum discussed the monthly Flow Report that had been previously distributed to Committee members. He stated that we now have a full month of data from the Farmington Avenue meter. He noted that the Poplar Street meter readings were still high. He stated that there was a blockage of some sort on the Pottstown side which was impacting on the Poplar Street meter readings. He further stated that Frank Quinter, the Public Works Director, was going to have this blockage on the Pottstown side removed if Pottstown did not take any action on this matter. Mr. O'Brien inquired about the number of EDUs that are supposed to be on the Farmington Avenue sewer line. Mr. Hannum stated that 658 was the amount for the ultimate buildup. He added that 244 gallons per day per EDU presently flowed on this line and that anything less than 250 gallons per day per EDU was acceptable. Mr. Hannum also stated that they would be checking the Poplar Street meter at night.

IV. Public Comments

There was no public comment.

V. Updates

A. Wolf Run Project public water service installation

Mr. Layne stated that the approximately 75% of the Wolf Run Project was complete. He stated that the total Project cost estimate was \$2,475,000. He further stated that the majority of the Project should be completed by June 2007, although small segments may not be completed until later.

B. Regal Oaks

Mr. Hannum provided information on the Regal Oaks System Cleaning Televising Project bid. He noted that six bids were received with the apparent low bidder being Video Pipe with a bid of \$7,147.22. He added that the proposed contract award date was April 3, 2007 and that the contractor would have 60 days to complete the project. Vice Chairman Sloss asked what information that this effort would provide to the Township. Mr. Hannum stated that this endeavor would provide information on the structural integrity of the system, leaks, etc. He added that illegal hookups might not be detected by this effort.

Mr. Hnat requested that his property be connected to the Regal Oaks sewer treatment system. Mr. Hannum believed that based on the analysis completed to date by LTL, he saw no problem with this request being granted. Mr. Hannum stated that the tapping fee was \$2435. He added that the Grinder Pump Agreement for this property needed to be signed.

VI. Old Business

A. Farmington West Project

Mr. Hannum stated that he had met with Reginald Leister in the field regarding the concerns that Mr. Leister had with the Farmington West Project. Mr. Shantz reported that three out of the necessary 13 easements had been received.

B. Budget review

Mr. Layne distributed a Sewer & Water Committee Budget Update to the Committee for their review. The February beginning balance was \$243,551.95 and the February ending balance was \$224,518.30. He provided a listing of receipts and disbursements during February. Mr. O'Brien requested that a brief explanation accompany the listing receipts and disbursements in the future.

VII. New Business

A. Master Plan - Future planning and funding issues

Mr. Hannum presented two viable options, which were the Sprogels Run Gravity Option and the Sprogels Run Plant Option. The estimated total costs for these two options were \$6.92 million for the Gravity Option and \$7.43 million for the Plant Option. He stated that there were still many unknown factors that could impact on the actual cost for these options. He also stated that there were inter-municipal agreements with Pottstown and Lower Pottsgrove that would impact on the Gravity Option and costs. Vice Chairman Sloss emphasized that the Township should discuss this matter both with Pottstown and Lower Pottsgrove. He stated that the Plant Option would not involve any inter-municipal agreements because the Township would be in control. He stated, however, that the cost of building our own plant would be quite expensive. Mr. Hannum stated that the other three options reviewed in this future planning effort were either too costly or did not address enough of the problem areas. Mr. Taylor emphasized that whatever option the Township takes that the entire area be addressed. He added that this is a very important endeavor and that it will take extensive review and analysis to arrive at the best option for the Township to pursue.

VIII. Adjournment

Vice Chairman Sloss moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:24 P.M. Mr. O'Brien seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Jack Layne, Township Manager

**The next Sewer & Water Committee meeting is scheduled for 7:00 P.M.
Monday, April 23, 2007**